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The Last Chance

The privilege of purchasing subscriptions to popular magazines and papers, in combination with THE GARDEN ISLAND, which was to have expired tomorrow evening has been extended to include orders received in the mails arriving from Hanalei and Waimea, respectively, Saturday afternoon. After that date, the combination offers will be withdrawn.

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Turn to the announcement on another page of this issue, headed "The Last Chance" and see if it does not interest you.

That Luncheon-Session

Members of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce are reminded of the luncheon-business meeting which will be held at the Fairview Hotel next Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. This will be a big and interesting affair, and every member should be present.

The luncheon-session idea is a new one on Kauai, but there is no reason why it should not be made a great success. If this one is a success (and it promises certain to be), others will be arranged for the future, at Lihue, Waimea and, perhaps, at Hanalei.

Members of the Chamber intending to be present at the luncheon-session on Thursday are requested and urged to notify the secretary by telephone L. 24, at once.

Overriding Laws

The legislature evidently thought that an agricultural and mechanical fair at Honolulu in 1914 would be a good thing and was in line with the wishes of the voters of the Territory, otherwise the provision for such would not have been made. In the absence of any explanation, we are somewhat at sea in regard to the matter, but we certainly regard as most peculiar the action of the Governor in deliberately refusing to permit the law to take its course. The executive may have good reasons for holding up this proposition and law; but if so he has not found occasion to enlighten the public on the same. As a general proposition we view with much disfavor any disposition on the part of the executive to override mandatory laws of the people, as put forward by their representatives in the Legislature; and the executive should in no case attempt to throttle a statute, without first ascertaining that the move is in accord with the will of the people.

No politics enter into this discussion. There is nothing unfriendly intended nor to be implied. Our idea is, however, that if the executive is to assume the right to override mandatory enactments of the Legislature, we might as well do away with the Legislature altogether and let the governor make the laws to suit himself, in the first instance.

The practice of executives overriding statutes is not new in Hawaii. Every governor we have had has done more or less of it. But it is a dangerous habit when once formed, and we are hopeful that our new chief executive will break away from it before it has fastened itself upon him.

Birth Certificates

We are much inclined to doubt the propriety, wisdom and justice of suspending the work of registering Asiatic children born in Hawaii. Certainly the claim that bogus registration agents have appeared in the field and that the laws have been misstated to persons seeking registration form no just ground for the withdrawal of the privilege from those desirous of registering.

It is the future to which the framers of the registration law were looking, and it is the future which must be considered. It matters little what officials temporarily in charge of affairs at Washington, San Francisco or Honolulu may think about the system, it stands to reason that, in the very natural order of things, these birth certificates will eventually be all that was intended for and of them. They will ultimately become the one and only basis for the official identification of Hawaiian born Asiatics, and every single one of them will be recognized by the American government.

It is a mistake and an injustice to suspend the practice of issuing these birth certificates. The system should be kept clean, open and above-board, great care being exercised in making registrations; but when it comes right down to cases, the reasons advanced for discontinuing the certificates occur to us as being decidedly far-fetched.

Double Law - Breaking

The details of another case of assault by a homesteader in the Kalaheo neighborhood has come into this office, the victim in the second instance being a Filipino. It is stated that the latter was knocked unconscious.

It is our desire to refrain as much as possible from publishing the facts of cases, the agitation of which might serve to intensify community excitement or feeling. We want to see peace and harmony and unity among all nationalities in each of the neighborhoods making up our beautiful island settlement.

We must, however, declare ourselves in the most positive manner against people taking the law into their own hands as has been twice done at Kalaheo lately. If a homesteader finds a trespasser upon his land, he has ample recourse at law. Let him swear out a warrant, have the trespasser prosecuted and punished. When, however, he takes a club and commits an assault, he breaks the law and in a far more serious sense than has the man he seeks to punish.

The question of whether the man assaulted has a right on the land does not enter into nor condone the act of assault and battery at all. They are distinct offenses, and when the time comes should be dealt with accordingly by the law.

An Electric Road

In place of casting about in oil fields and remoter rubber countries for schemes of investment of idle money, why do not some of our capitalists, favored with a due amount of public spiritedness, plan an electric car line to run between Lihue and Waimea?

This suggestion may seem, at first thought, to be a wild dream and a proposition beyond the purses of local investors. But let us consider it a minute. Beyond a nominal sum, the cost of a serviceable track, thirty miles long, is what the promoters choose to make it, that is, it may be made expensive, as were the lines of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company, or it may be laid at a surprisingly small cost.

There is any amount of power to be had, and at an unusually low minimum of cost. Overhead expenses would be light, exceeding only so as compared with the overhead of city lines.

The proposition that there is business for such a line, and that it is badly needed, can probably

not be gainsaid. It is attested in the number of automobiles on Kauai, the number of autos and trucks regularly engaged in the business of transporting passengers and freight from town to town; and in the number of people who would ride oftener and go farther if the service were better and the expense less.

A combination freight and passenger car each way every half hour over such a line would have its hands full in a short time, and it would not be long before more frequent service would be required. Besides passengers, these cars would make money in package freight, and would, in the very nature of things, carry the mail daily, (or more than once a day, on occasions when required) between points.

Like several other good things for Kauai, such an electric car line "is coming." Sooner or later, the idea as outlined will be carried out; and the promoters of it will make money. Is the time for a start not right now at hand? Might not the money of the island be better employed in such a venture than in the various oil speculations, rubber prospects and Philippine sugar enterprises which are taking away so much of our idle capital?

THE BIRTH anniversary of King George V, of Great Britain, last Wednesday passed without notice on the island of Kauai. This was probably another evidence of the growth of republican simplicity in the British mind. The fame of Queen Victoria and King Edward were accentuated by many great wars and happenings of world-wide importance. King George, fortunately or unfortunately, has thus far had little more important than the suffragette movement out of which to evolve distinctive fame. However, fill'em up again, and we'll say: "Here's to you, King George. Long life and success".

THERE is a clean, hospitable whole-souled air about receptions given by the Elele, Makaweli or Waimea people that is most delightful. How they manage it, we are not quite certain; but they surely DO make their friends feel "at home" at their functions, and afford them hours of pleasure that are not forgotten. The masquerade ball in Elele hall Saturday evening was an affair in point. It was a signal success from start to finish; and the Maile Club, everyone who assisted in the arrangement of it, the committees carrying it out, and the good people of Elele and McBryde generally are to be heartily congratulated and complimented.

THE STEAMER Empress Of Ireland, which was wrecked off Father Point in the St Lawrence river, causing the loss of 934 lives, was proceeding in a fog which was so dense that another vessel could not be seen at a distance of a few feet. The blame for this great loss of life should not be laid at the door of the steamer which rammed the Empress Of Ireland, but should fall upon the owners and captain of the latter, who permitted her to navigate in the fog with so many passengers on board.

ENGLISH is far enough advanced in these fair isles to admit of the supplanting of some of our jaw-breaking names of ports and landings by easier English terms. For instance, Rice's Bay would be easier than Nawiliwili; Isenberg's or Weber's easier and better than Ahukini; while Baldwin's landing would beat Makaweli all hollow. No ordinarily tempered Congressman would feel like voting for an appropriation for a breakwater at Nawiliwili after cracking a few teeth out trying to pronounce the present name of the place.

IT TURNS out that that "volcano" at Mt. Lassen, Cal., was the result of melted snow falling into the fissures of a geyser, causing the latter to smoke up and look dangerous. Kilauea still has a monopoly on real lava in this part of the world.

KAUAI HAS but one principal suggestion to make to the officials now working on the plans for Carnival Week next year, and that is: Have features enough to make up a continuous program. Two or three features a day, each of short duration, leaves entirely too much time on the hands of out-of-town visitors. The beauty and pleasure of the last Carnival were offset, in a large measure, by the dreary waits on the street corners for "something to happen". Numerous inexpensive features may be worked up to fill out the program. Let one "stunt" follow another in rapid-fire order. The consequences will take care of themselves, and Honolulu will be much better pleased with herself as hostess than ever before.

WILL P. THOMAS, of the Thomas Pineapple Cannery, Honolulu, predicts that prices for the 1916 pack of pines will be much higher than at present. We sincerely hope he may be right, but rather doubt it. As we view the situation, there is little prospect of a return to anything like normal figures under three or four years. Optimistic views, such as are expressed by Mr. Thomas, are likely to encourage planters to increase acreages and we would regard any such move as ill-advised for the present.

THIS IS ABOUT the time of year for the peculiar pineapple pest which visited Kauai twelve months ago, to call around again. We hope the department has taken every precaution to prevent its reappearance, and in the meanwhile pineapple growers should be on the alert for any signs of it in the fields in order that prompt action to stay its ravages may be taken.

INFORMATION has come to us that the Marketing Division, at Honolulu, is being taken advantage of by the small farmers of Kauai in a very small way only; while Hawaii, Maui and Oahu are going in for it big. This is a surprise, for we had imagined that Kauai growers would be among the first and foremost in availing themselves of the advantages offered by the Division.

IT DOES SEEM rather like rubbing it in that President Wilson does not adjourn Congress, call off the Mexican muddle and hang up other equally inconsequential matters and get to work in appointments to the Federal jobs at Honolulu. He surely must have a queer conception of his duties.

AT THE LAST meeting of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce a resolution was unanimously passed requiring each member to produce the name of one new applicant for membership at the meeting to be held day after tomorrow. If each member "produces", as specified (and it is assumed, of course, that such will be the case) a new zest will be added to the luncheon-session.

MR. ROBBINS, chemist of McBryde Sugar Co., appeared at the masquerade ball in Elele Saturday night, arrayed in sugar bags, upon which the legend was printed: "15,000 tons"—that referring to this year's output of McBryde Sugar Co. Coming from the man who knows the juice, the suggestion was quite interesting, and we hope that his prediction (made more or less in jest, but with a business-like ring to it) may come out to be true.

WE ARE STILL patiently waiting to hear something definite about that proposed daily mail service between Hanalei and Kekaha, via Lihue.

WHAT is the matter with the German football team of Lihue brushing up on baseball and taking the field next year as the representatives of this town? The Germans would do what no one else here seems disposed practice, and by virtue of that that practice would do what no one else here has been able to accomplish - win out. Not is.

THERE is a cheerful ring about the announcement that Onomea will pay a two-per cent dividend in July. That dividends may show up from other unexpected quarters seems now quite likely.

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